

ON A SMALL COLLECTION OF AMPHIBIA FROM THE CONGO WITH DES- CRPTION OF A NEW SPECIES.

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Among the numerous animals, which have been presented in the course of the years 1886—'88 to the Zoological Museum of the University of Utrecht by Mr. A. GRESHOFF of BOMA (Congo, W. Africa), and which were all collected in that locality, there are seven species of Amphibia, two of them being new to science.

One is a *Rana* spec., but the only example received is too young to be of any value as a type for a new species. The other is a *Hylambates*, to which I propose to confer the name of the kind donor, by whose zealous endeavours so many valuable additions have been made to the Utrecht University Collections. The list of the Amphibia is the following:

Rana sp. n. young.

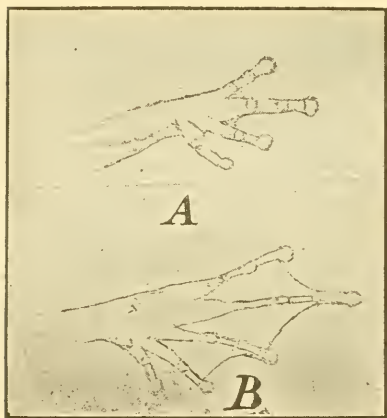
Rappia marmorata Rapp., two specimens, one of them = *Rappia* (*Hyperolius*) *parellela*, Günth.

Rappia pusilla? Cope., two specimens. As they are females, the characteristic vocal vesicle, which Prof. COPE mentions, is absent (Proc. Acad. Philad. 1862 p. 343). They agree with *R. pusilla* Cope by their coloration, by the presence of a faint brown line

on the canthus rostralis, by the hidden tympanum, and by the extension of web; but the snout is rather rounded, not truncate.

Rappia nasuta Gthr, one specimen. Our specimen not only possesses the small blackish dots on head and back, described by Dr. GÜNTHER and Mr. BOULENGER, but is moreover distinguished by a light line, running along the canthus rostralis, the outer margin of the superior eyelid and the side of the body, its rostral portion being marked below by a dark line. These characters also belong to *Rappia microps* Gthr. On the upper eyelids the minute dark dots have become confluent into dark spots.

Hylambates Greshoffii sp. n., one specimen. The vomerine teeth extend in two small, rounded groups beyond the level of the choanae. Tympanum about half the width of the eye, distinct.



A. Lower surface of hand.
B. Lower surface of foot.

Three outer fingers webbed at the base, toes nearly entirely webbed; the disks are well developed. Skin granular on the belly and under the thighs. Reddish brown above (in spirits), lighter beneath.

I would not have ventured to describe this new species without having applied a crucial test to its validity as such. For his kindness in examining the specimen and in looking at my MS. before it was prepared for the press, I have to thank Mr. BOULENGER, the assistant keeper of this Department of the British Museum.

Hemisus sudanense Stdchr., one specimen.

Bufo regularis Reuss., two specimens.